

posed Genoa economic conference if any of the invited Governments let it be understood that they do not accept entirely the conditions arranged at the Supreme Council meeting at Cannes in January precluding any discussion of the existing peace treaties.

Rome, Feb. 12th.—Pius XI was crowned Pope in the Basilica of St. Peter's today amid scenes of pomp and enthusiasm and in the presence of Princes and dignitaries of the church, the diplomatic representatives of foreign countries, members of the Roman aristocracy and a vast assemblage filling the great structure to the very doors. The ancient custom was carried out with impressive ceremonies.

London, Feb. 12th. The "Gioranale D'Italia" of Rome, according to a Central News despatch, announces that Italy will ask a postponement of the Conference at Genoa.

Bombay, Feb. 12th.—Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the non-co-operationists, has temporarily abandoned his previously announced policy of carrying out a programme of Civil Disobedience. A despatch from London on Saturday asserted that Gandhi has decided to postpone the civil disobedience movement for a fortnight, on account of recent trouble at Chauri in which 17 native policemen were killed.

Hongkong, Feb. 12th.—About one hundred and seventy steamers, most of them British, with an aggregate tonnage of 250,000 are tied up over the week end through a seamen's strike, ocean traffic is partially paralyzed, while Vancouver steamer traffic is at a complete standstill.

Peking, Feb. 12th.—The resignation of Dr. W. W. Yen, Foreign Minister and Acting Premier, was presented to the Cabinet last evening. Immediately afterwards the Government announced that it had summoned home from Washington Dr. Wellington Koo, Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister to the United States and Dr. Chung Haiwang, the delegates to the armaments conference. The Government called for the return of the delegates to hear their report on the conference and receive their advice regarding the Far Eastern affairs, it was stated.

Toronto, Feb. 12th.—A party of Canadian manufacturers and their wives left Toronto tonight for the West Indies to inquire into the prospects for the improvement of trade between Canada and the Islands. The party is travelling to Halifax, where they will board the "Canadian Fisher" of the Canadian Government fleet sailing for Jamaica. Other members unable to connect with the "Fisher" will leave by the White Star Liner "Megantic" and join the main party at Kingston Jamaica. The recent Canadian West Indies trade agreement which gives Canada a preference over all other countries in practically all commodities, prompted the Canadian manufacturers association to organize this

party within its own membership, and it is expected a substantial increase will be effected in the import and export trade of Canada to these ports.

Detroit, Feb. 11th.—A Cheque for \$8,000,000 bearing Henry Ford's signature was turned over today to Ralph Stone, receiver of the Lincoln Motor Company, completing the transaction whereby Mr. Ford becomes owner of the Lincoln property sold at auction last Saturday, the deeds, when filed for record by Mr. Ford will bear \$4,000 worth of revenue stamps.

Sutton Junction, Que. Feb. 12th.—Gen. D. C. Drager of the fifth mounted rifles, has received a handsome gold medal from the citizens of Cambrai, France, as a token for saving them from the hands of the enemy. Coming as this does more than three years after the close of the war, it shows that the work of the Canadian troops is not forgotten.

Madrid, Feb. 11th.—A new machine gun capable of firing 3,500 shots per minute has been invented by Gregorio Arias, a retired telegrapher of Corona, it was reported today by the newspaper "Imparcial." The gun is composed of fifty barrels each and capable of firing 70 shots per minute and it is designed to cover a front of a kilometre in width. Its operation necessitates five men, but changes of position can be made easily. The loading apparatus is automatic.

London, Feb. 13th.—London's women police are not a necessity and are too costly to maintain as a luxury." Sir William Horwood, Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, has found out and as a result the women's patrols will be disbanded at the earliest possible moment, according to the Daily Mail. London has one hundred police women and maintenance of this force cost fifty thousand pounds annually. The Government special economic committee, under Sir Eric Geddes, reports its findings last week, also declared the utility of the women police negligible.

Dublin, Feb. 12th.—The outstanding player of the International Rugby match between England and Ireland, won by the former 12-3 on Saturday, was Kershaw, who played a really wonderful game for England, scoring three magnificent tries. He slipped through each time on his own and went straight for the line. The return of Davies also made a deal of difference to England. He was as unerring in his fielding as ever, while his kicking was as sound as in his best days.

London, Feb. 13th.—The statement was made in the House of Commons on Saturday that in spite of all protests it has been definitely decided to disband the first Deinstor Regiment, the Royal Canadians, together with five other South Irish Units. In making this announcement the Secretary of State for the war said that he deeply regretted that the Government had been

compelled to take this step and disband these regiments which had done such splendid work for the Empire in all parts of the world and had each long and distinguished records. Strong representations were made to the Government that the Leinst be regained because of their Canadian origin, but influential as were the proponents of these requests, they made no difference. The regiment is now stationed at Madras and reports reaching London say that the rank and file are dismayed at the prospect of disbandment.

Dublin, Feb. 13th.—The evacuation of the British troops and other military forces from Dublin was unexpectedly suspended today. The sailing of the steamers due to leave for Holyhead, Liverpool, with contingents on board was cancelled. It was thought the suspension might be due to the events in Ulster. Officials at military general headquarters said they were unable to give any information on the subject, while Dublin Castle officials stated that they had nothing to do with the evacuation.

Dublin, Feb. 13th.—An armed guard of the Irish Republican army was posted in the offices of the Freeman's Journal last night to protect the staff from anticipated attacks by republicans who were offered by the publication of a cartoon reflecting on Eamon De Valera and Erskin Childers. It was said that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to kidnap the proprietor of the paper.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 13th.—The success of the regular passenger service inaugurated by the steamer "Sicilian" last December between St. John, Boston, Havana and Kingston, Jamaica, has been such that the Canadian Pacific is now placing its large cargoship the "Montezuma" in service between these ports.

London, Feb. 12th.—Sir Edward Cooper, who was Lord Mayor of London during the years 1919-20 died today aged 74.

London, Feb. 13th.—The situation is regarded as so menacing that all Europeans in Madras, British India, are being enrolled as special constables by order of the Government, according to despatches to the Daily Mail from Madras, dated Monday. These despatches add that it is understood that constables will be armed with military rifles and ammunition.

Vienna, Feb. 13th.—The full effect of the British loan of 2,000,000 pounds to Austria was reflected on the exchange market today when the krona rose to 6,000 to the dollar and other values rose equally. It is announced that a British controller will administer the credit.

Vienna, Feb. 13th.—7,000 new cases of influenza have been reported in the past week. In consequence of the spread of the disease, all private and public schools have been closed.

London, Feb. 14th.—Sugar in stock on the 11th inst was 35,000 tons. Last year 190,000 tons.